

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** L. Andrew Koman, *et al.*  
**Serial No.:** 10/629,192  
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**Art Unit:** 3733  
**Examiner:** Michael J. Araj

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**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2006, the following amendments, along with accompanying remarks, are submitted for the Examiner's consideration. The three-month deadline for response expired on March 1, 2007. Accordingly, Applicants enclose a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby making the responsive date April 1, 2007. Moreover, Applicants submit that the proposed claim amendments meet with the requirement of form provided in the Office Action as required under 37 CFR 1.116(b). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.